

**To:** Mogharabi, Nahal[MOGHARABI.NAHAL@EPA.GOV]; Albright, David[Albright.David@epa.gov]; Montgomery, Michael[Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov]  
**From:** Rao, Kate  
**Sent:** Tue 1/13/2015 8:11:48 PM  
**Subject:** RE: letter

Nahal –

David and Mike are in Bakersfield today to participate in the DOGGR and DOC meeting. He may not be able to get to you til tomorrow. Is that OK?

Kate

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**From:** Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:46 AM  
**To:** Albright, David; Montgomery, Michael  
**Cc:** Rao, Kate  
**Subject:** FW: letter

Hi David,

Please see the below from a reporter at Inside EPA. He asked us for the Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> letter which we sent him. In his follow up question below he is asking if EPA may take over the state's program if the issues are not resolved in a timely matter.

I see in the letter that we say "As part of this investment, EPA is prepared to re-direct a portion of the State's anticipated FY15 federal UIC grant allocation of approximately \$550,000 to specific efforts targeted to advance the State's Class II program toward compliance with the

Safe Drinking Water Act. We will consult with you on work to be led by EPA with these funds.”

Are we saying we will take over, or, are we saying we will take the lead on the use of the \$550k UIC grants?

Can you clarify? Thanks!!

Nahal

**From:** Curt Barry [<mailto:cbarry@iwpnews.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:33 AM  
**To:** Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Subject:** RE: letter

Thanks. Is EPA telling the state that it may take over the state's UIC permitting program if it does not take care of these problems in the timelines provided?

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**From:** Mogharabi, Nahal [<mailto:MOGHARABI.NAHAL@EPA.GOV>]  
**To:** Curt Barry [<mailto:cbarry@iwpnews.com>]  
**Sent:** Mon, 12 Jan 2015 13:48:44 -0500  
**Subject:** RE: letter

Hi Curt,

Attached is the Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> letter.

Happy New Year!

Nahal

**From:** Curt Barry [<mailto:cbarry@iwpnews.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 9:36 AM  
**To:** Mogharabi, Nahal  
**Subject:** RE: letter

Hi Nahal,  
Can you send me the letter referenced below?  
This is in regard to EPA and state water board/DOGGR correspondence over wastewater disposal/UIC permits.  
Thanks,  
Curt  
(916) 449-6171

On Dec. 22, the EPA sent the two state agencies a letter ordering them to submit a comprehensive plan by Feb. 6 for complying with federal UIC regulations, then reach full compliance by Feb. 15, 2017. It pledged \$550,000 in federal money to help the state accomplish the goal.

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